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Mission

Tri-County Technical College is a public, two-year community college dedicated to serving as a catalyst for the economic and lifelong development of the citizens of Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens counties through outstanding programs and unparalleled service. An open admissions institution with primary focus on teaching and learning, the College serves approximately 6,000 to 7,000 students through both on-campus and distance learning courses. The College grants certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees in technical, career, and transfer programs. The College also offers certificates in continuing education programs.

Vision

Tri-County Technical College will be the role model for community college education through dedication to high standards, a nurturing environment, community alliances, and innovative leadership.

Accreditation

Tri-County Technical College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the associate degree. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Tri-County Technical College.

Tri-County Technical College does not discriminate in admission or employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, qualifying disability, veteran's status, age, or national origin.

Values

At Tri-County Technical College, we value

Integrity—respect for the dignity, equality, and potential of self and others in personal and professional interactions

Responsibility—accountability in personal, community, professional, and fiscal affairs

Accessibility—equal opportunity to advance professionally and personally in a clean, safe, stimulating, and aesthetically pleasing environment

Collaboration—partnerships among students, faculty, staff, and community to promote open and effective communication, decision-making, and implementation of ideas and processes

Learning—facilitation of intellectual and technical growth through commitment to continuous improvement and innovation

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Dr. Ronnie L. Booth (standing),
Mrs. Helen P. Rosemond-Saunders,
and Mr. David C. Wakefield, III



Valued Friends and Partners,

The past academic year was a period of unprecedented challenges at Tri-County Technical College, due in part to the severe economic downturn in our Nation's economy. Significant cuts to our State budget resulted in the need to rethink the way we do business, find ways to do more with less, and most of all, protect our core mission, which is to promote economic development and lifelong learning for the citizens of Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens counties.

This backdrop of economic challenge frames the theme of our 2008-09 Annual Report – *More Valuable than Ever*. Workers who had recently lost their jobs recognized the value of turning to Tri-County to be retrained for new jobs. Companies understood the value of affordable training to help them become more competitive in a global marketplace. And parents who may otherwise have sent their children directly to four-year colleges and universities saw the value of starting their sons and daughters at a quality, affordable, two-year community college close to home. All of this resulted in record enrollment increases during all three terms of the academic year.

Despite difficult economic times, we pressed forward on critical projects. We broke ground on our third branch campus, located in Easley, and dedicated the Senator Billy O'Dell Learning Center at the Watkins Community Center in Honea Path. The O'Dell Center now offers personal, technical, and professional development non-credit classes. We also focused on continuing the development of our campuses in Anderson and in Seneca at the Hamilton Career Center.

At every opportunity, we leveraged new resources and engaged in unique partnerships. The cooperative welding project with Clemson University and an expanded dual credit program with our local high schools are two examples. We also developed new QuickJobs training opportunities to address the needs of both the unemployed and companies that require workers with specific skills sets. In addition, the Tri-County Technical College Foundation helped us deliver greater value to students through scholarships, equipment purchases, and professional development for faculty and staff.

Our value is embedded in the unique combination of quality, affordability, responsiveness, flexibility, and convenience we provide our students and the community. You, our valued friends, are part and parcel of this formula and have helped us to achieve success this year. Thank you for your support of Tri-County Technical College.

Ronnie L. Booth, Ph.D.
President

Mrs. Helen Rosemond-Saunders, Chair
Tri-County Technical College
Commission

Mr. David C. Wakefield, III, Chair
Tri-County Technical College
Foundation, Inc.



Valuable Choice

Associate Degree Is First Choice for Many

In today's unsettled economic times, the associate degree has become more valuable than ever and often is the first, not alternate, choice for students seeking higher education.

"We're an affordable option for high school graduates, working adults who are seeking skills training, and for those who have lost their jobs in the country's economic downturn. Rising unemployment rates have sent displaced workers back to the classroom in droves for retraining and oftentimes new careers," said President Booth.

He added that making college accessible, available, and affordable to residents across the tri-county region is a priority. Over the past couple of years, the College has addressed the diverse needs of individuals by opening branch campuses in Anderson and Seneca and by expanding online and evening offerings – in short, finding new and different ways to meet individuals' needs and schedules.

The Anderson and Oconee campuses, along with the classrooms at the Watkins Community Center in Honea Path, serve several of the College's goals by bringing its services closer to residents, increasing community involvement, and expanding educational opportunities.

With an Easley campus in the works, Tri-County soon will have a presence in all three of its service areas. Officials broke ground on the future Easley campus in May of 2009.

The value of Tri-County's low tuition is definitely a factor in enrollment growth, Dr. Booth said. "We're an affordable option for everyone. Cost is a major selling point for college these days. More and more people are choosing Tri-County because they can get two years of

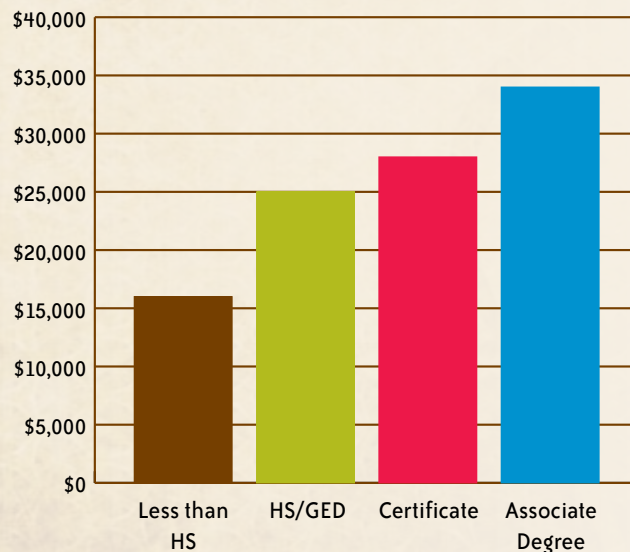
college at a significantly reduced rate," he added. Tri-County's tuition is \$1,512 per semester for full-time students, but with lottery tuition assistance, valued at up to \$900 for eligible full-time students, a student pays a balance of only \$612 for a semester.

"Many Tri-County students attend on partial or full scholarships provided through our Foundation and will graduate with no student loans to pay back," he said.

"An associate degree can get you into the workforce in just two years or less and can increase your lifetime earnings," added Dr. Booth.

According to a socioeconomic impact study conducted for the SC Technical College System by EMSI, a leading provider of socioeconomic impact and strategic

Average Earnings Based on Level of Educational Attainment



Source: EMSI, 2008

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planning tools, associate degree grads earn an average of \$34,400 per year, 38.7 percent more than someone with a high school diploma or GED. Over their future careers, they earn \$9,600 more per year than someone with a high school diploma or GED.

“We appeal to those looking for a technical degree. We’re also a lead-in for those students planning to go the university transfer route and continue their studies at a four-year college or university. We serve as the first step in the transition to a larger college,” he said.

In addition, Tri-County collaborates with Anderson University, Clemson University, and Southern Wesleyan University to assist Tri-County graduates in transferring and applying coursework toward a bachelor’s degree.

“With our smaller class sizes, affordable tuition, and convenient course offerings at campuses in all three counties, we’re a good place to start and finish.” 



Record Growth

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~Latoya Hill

College Enrolls Record-Breaking Numbers

Tri-County Technical College enrolled record-breaking numbers of students in fall, spring, and summer semesters during the 2008-09 academic year.

The College enrolled an unprecedented 5,730 students for fall 2008 semester, the largest enrollment in the history of the College and a nearly 10% increase over the previous fall. Officials reported 5,388 students for spring semester, and both summer school sessions experienced an unparalleled growth spurt.

Enrollments at community colleges across the nation are climbing amidst this uncertain economic climate and more residents than ever are choosing Tri-County as an accessible and affordable option.

“Our surge in enrollment is definitely tied to the economy. Historically when the national economy is weak, enrollment at two-year colleges increases,” said President Ronnie Booth. “People are afraid of losing their jobs or they have lost their jobs. They understand that they need more education to stay competitive in today’s workforce,” he said.

Just ask Latoya Hill, of Anderson, who, initially, was reeling from the shock of unexpectedly being laid off from a local industry last summer. “But I quickly realized it was the best thing that could have happened to me. The layoff forced me to go back to college.” She had been a student at Tri-County in 2007 but quit after she found full-time employment with good pay and benefits at a local industry.

Following the layoff, the 23-year-old married mother didn’t waste any time in getting back into the classroom. That morning she visited the One Stop Center and was at Tri-County’s Anderson Campus two days later



“I want a career so I can help to provide a better life for me and my family,” said Latoya Hill, pictured with son, Jordan. “And I need a degree to do so. This time I will finish. My life can only be better with a degree,” added Latoya, who returned to college following a layoff.

talking with counselors about career options and financial aid. “I took a negative and quickly turned it into a positive,” she said.


“I always knew I would return and finish my degree, and the Anderson Campus makes it so convenient,” added Latoya, who is a Medical Assisting major and is taking

prerequisite classes at the Anderson Campus.

“The goal at the Anderson Campus is to vastly expand our general education offerings and develop both associate degree and new signature programs that can be completed in their entirety in Anderson,” said Dr. Booth.

In addition to the Anderson Campus, Dr. Booth noted expanding numbers of enrollments in the Gateway to College and Bridge to Clemson programs.

“Tri-County offers programs to meet the needs of a lot of people,” he said.

Tri-County is the second fastest-growing College in the State’s system of 16 technical colleges. In the last decade, Tri-County has experienced a cumulative growth rate of 58.6% and is the fifth largest College in the System. 



Tri-County Speech instructor Greg Toney, standing, teaches a dual enrollment Speech class to seniors at Liberty High School. From left are Jessica Wagner, Stan Gilstrap, Melanie Smith, and Ashtyn Pomeroy.

High School Dual Enrollment Classes Save Time, Money

When recent Liberty High graduate Stan Gilstrap entered Clemson University this fall, he was one semester ahead of the game. Because he elected to take an impressive six dual enrollment courses through Tri-County during his senior year at Liberty (specifically Math 120, English 101 and 102, American Government, Public Speaking, and Microeconomics), his academic status was second-semester freshman.

The same goes for Ashtyn Pomeroy, who completed four dual enrollment courses while at Liberty. “It’s time consuming, but it really saves on college expenses,” said Pomeroy, who is a student at USC-Upstate.

The Secondary Transition Enrollment Program (STEP), also called dual enrollment, allows qualifying high school students the opportunity to gain high school and college credits at the same time by taking college-level courses in their high schools or career centers, as well as on Tri-County’s campuses or online. During the 2008-09 fall semester, these 422 students accounted for seven percent of the College’s enrollment.

“One of the greatest benefits of dual enrollment is the opportunity to experience college-level coursework before becoming a full-time college student,” said Amanda Blanton, dean of Enrollment Management. “Most dually enrolled students find out that they can be successful. These courses can be a confidence booster while allowing high school students to get a head start on college studies.”


“Taking a college course was intimidating at first,” admitted Melanie Smith, “but I became more comfortable.”

“Now I won’t be blindsided in college,” said Ashtyn. “There is already enough change in the first semester of college. Tri-County’s speech class really made me feel more comfortable speaking in front of my peers. And helped me to be more aware of what I am saying.”

STEP participants must prove they are ready for college-level work, obtain permission from their high schools, and meet certain criteria, such as passing the COMPASS placement test for English and math. Most school districts also award dual credit so the courses can count toward graduation requirements.

Students who take two or more courses in the same semester qualify for lottery tuition assistance, added Blanton.

The classes are offered at the request of the high schools and include English, mathematics, speech, general psychology, sociology, history, American government, and economics.

“You have to be at the top of your game,” said Jessica Wagner, who took four dual enrollment courses at Liberty and applied only to Tri-County because she wanted to be close to home and because of the affordable tuition. “I had a good experience, and I know I will like Tri-County.” 



Officials Break Ground on Easley Campus

S.C. Representative Rex Rice opened his remarks at the groundbreaking ceremony for the College's Easley campus by asking for a show of hands from guests who had been affected by the technical college system, either as a student, a relative of a student, or as an employee. The response was nearly unanimous.

In the past, residents traveled to the Pendleton, Anderson, or Oconee campuses to take credit or personal interest classes. This past May, legislators, county council members, and local business leaders joined College officials in breaking ground on a 37.51-acre piece of property on Powdersville Road in Easley that will become the site of the College's third branch campus. Construction began this summer on the first two buildings – one is a QuickJobs Training Center and the other is a Multipurpose Classroom and Technology Center.

The future Easley Campus will give the College a presence in each of the three counties. The campus will better serve the citizens of Pickens County by offering credit and continuing education courses to residents.

"Being accessible and available to our Pickens County citizens has always been a priority of ours. This is the long-awaited first step in bringing Tri-County to your community," said Helen Rosemond-Saunders, chair of Tri-County's Commission.

"Easley has always been an area underserved by the College. The time has come for us to be here where you live and work. We envision a vibrant campus to enrich your lives and your community," said Mrs. Rosemond-Saunders.

"We need Tri-County in our community," Rep. Rice said. "Let's educate our people and give them the opportunity to move forward and to find new jobs."

"I will support this project in any way that I can," said Neil Smith, chairman of the Pickens County Council. The first building on the site will be the QuickJobs Training Center. It is funded through a \$986,364 grant from the State Department of Commerce to Pickens County. The QuickJobs Training Center will assist in workforce training and skills development for the citizens of Pickens County.

The 4,600-square-foot building will have two classrooms and a large space for labs (welding and electrical classes). Among classes taught will be a manufacturing certificate program and other quick jobs training. Projected opening date is late 2009 or early 2010.

The Multipurpose Classroom and Technology Center will be a 40,000-square-foot facility funded through State capital reserves of nearly \$6 million. The facility will house university transfer classes, computer and industrial electronics classes, as well as a Licensed Practical Nursing program. Non-credit classes (personal interest) and professional development will be offered through the Corporate and Community Education Division. The anticipated opening date for this multipurpose facility is Fall 2010 or Spring 2011.

"This wouldn't have happened without a lot of friends," said Dr. Booth. "This is a big day and a long time coming. It was the next step for the College in terms of our mission, which is to be accessible and available to the residents of our service area. This partnership with the county is huge. We're definitely better together," said Dr. Booth. 

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Learning Center at Watkins Community Center Named in Honor Of Senator Billy O'Dell

It was standing room only when community leaders, residents, and College officials gathered last winter at the Watkins Community Center in Honea Path to celebrate the dedication of the new Learning Center named in honor of Senator Billy O'Dell.


As a way of thanking Senator O'Dell for his assistance with obtaining state funding for renovations, the Center is named the Senator Billy O'Dell Learning Center and offers corporate and community education classes for the citizens of Honea Path.

“This is overwhelming and a great honor,” said Senator O'Dell, a member of the South Carolina General Assembly for two decades (representing District Four). He added that Tri-County's presence in the building would provide training and education services for the local community.

The College received State appropriations, along with a grant from AdvanceSC, to revamp an area for two classrooms and a computer lab, along with a shop area for teaching welding and small engine repair.

“This is a model of how the community gets together and makes something happen,” said Dr. Booth. “This is a way to bring college to your community. We will do all that we can to meet community needs.”

Honea Path Mayor Lollis Meyers said, “This is a community building and a community effort. We are thankful for what the Senator has done. This means a lot to this community.”

Rep. Mike Gambrell said, “We have a great partner in Tri-County, and I commend the College for its forward thinking. This Center makes our quality of life better. Tri-County is a long distance from Honea Path. Now we will be able to provide educational opportunities for our citizens right here. I can't think of a better use for this building.” 



Community leaders, residents and College officials gathered at the Watkins Community Center in Honea Path to celebrate the dedication of the College's new Learning Center named in honor of Senator Billy O'Dell, pictured fourth from left.

Pictured from left are Eddie Moore, chair of the Anderson County Council; Helen Rosemond-Saunders, chair of Tri-County's Commission; Dr. Ronnie Booth; Sen. O'Dell; Shelby Kay, president of the Watkins Community Center Board; Al Young, past president of the Watkins Community Center Board and president of The Commercial Bank; and Honea Path Mayor Lollis Meyers.



Cindy Story Redefines Life After Layoff

Since her layoff from WestPoint Stevens in 2007, Cindy Story has been on a journey of emotions, not unlike those following death or divorce.

With 25 years as a textile design manager, she thought she would retire from the company that once served as Oconee County's leading employer with more than 2,000 workers. But at age 49, she found herself without a job and scared. "I wasn't naïve. I knew the company was consolidating, but I didn't see the closing coming," she said. She knew the ebbs and flows of the corporate world and had witnessed the company surviving bankruptcy in 1992. "I actually thought my job was safe because I was the only designer at the facility. It seemed secure. But nobody is irreplaceable."

It all happened very quickly, she remembers. WestPoint overhauled its operations in the United States and moved production offshore where products can be made less expensively.

On Friday the 13th, 2007, Story was told, via conference call, 'We no longer need your services. Today is your last day. Your benefits will be cut off at midnight. You will receive two weeks of severance pay for every year of service.'

"I was shell-shocked," she said. For the next few weeks, she found herself just going through the motions. As a displaced worker, she went to the One Stop Center where she filled out paperwork, was tested, and talked with a caseworker.

"Your job becomes your identity," she said, adding that her new job became looking for a job. She found that because she provided a specialized service for WestPoint, her skills didn't translate into other local companies' needs.

Story holds a bachelor of Fine Arts in Design from the School of Visual Arts in Manhattan. Her WIA caseworker told her the Trade Act would pay for retraining, books, and mileage at Tri-County. "I asked myself what could I do to parlay 27 years of experience and design education into getting back into the workforce as quickly as possible. Interior Design seemed the obvious choice. Thanks to the Trade Act and WIA funding, I was able to redefine myself through another avenue of design by entering Tri-County's Interior Design career development certificate program. It is a perfect fit for me because it gives me a chance to expand my talents and to grow as a designer. The program really complements my skills."

Starting
Over


Story returned to the classroom with trepidation. The first day of class she sat in the back, taking it all in. “From day one I was impressed with instructor Wanda Morgan. She is so talented and passionate about what she does. And she’s rooting for me and the other students.”

Tri-County’s Interior Design program, offered through the Corporate and Community Education Division, is for both personal interest and career advancement. There are 19 courses, including an internship. Cindy did a two-month internship (120 hours) this summer with Tracy Fowler of Fowlers Interiors in Greenville. Graduates earn the title of residential and commercial interior design specialist and can go into any area of design.

“I have been very impressed with Cindy’s talents, her passion, her professionalism, and her desire to not give up,” said Morgan. “She has been very diligent in making herself, her talents, and her

knowledge of design become a greater positive in her future, rather than dwelling on the negative of the past. She is a wonderful asset to the College and the design community,” said Morgan.

Although in retrospect, Story says she never may have chosen this path voluntarily, today she says change can be good. “I’ve redefined myself. I’ve also learned how to roll with the punches. I had to change, but I’m in a much better place now than I was two to three years ago. It has been a positive transformation. It’s become so much more than the logistics of change. I’ve grown as a person. The whole layoff experience went from a negative to a positive, thanks to Tri-County.”

She says she has severed her emotional ties to a company she called home for almost three decades. “I’ve embraced a new life. The whole experience has been a gift. The Interior Design certificate is so valuable – I can take these interior design skills anywhere.” 

Mark Franks is Voice of Industrial Electronics Program

Mark Franks was one of the first to arrive in his Industrial Electronics Technology (IET) classes and the last to pack up and leave every day.

At 45, the Anderson resident says he never dreamed he would be a full-time student, mastering subjects he previously feared like math and computers. He thought he would retire from the textile industry, a career he began in high school at age 16. But after 20 years and two layoffs from two different companies, in 2007 he decided to enroll at Tri-County and give industrial electronics a shot.

“The third week of my first semester, I wanted to quit,” Mark remembers. “But (IET instructor) Robert Ellenberg wouldn’t let me. He said, ‘I’ll get you help,’ and I’ve been going strong ever since,” he added.

“But I had to learn how to study again,” said Mark, who took advantage of tutoring services offered by the Industrial and Engineering Technology Division.


“Mark was understandably nervous the first week or so,” said Ellenberg. “But he had a good background and years of work experience. He was nervous about math and computers. He was so sure he couldn’t do it. But he has done well in those classes and in all subjects. Now, he is the voice of the IET program. He loves learning, and he loves Tri-County.”

“I’ve found I really like being around young people in class,” Mark said. Among those are his two sons, Neal and Shane, who are also IET majors and who hold down full-time jobs. His youngest son, Matthew, began classes at the Anderson Campus this fall.

Neal started in University Transfer but switched majors last year. He works full time at Best Buy and attends day classes. Shane works at Electrolux five to seven days a week and was attending

morning classes until he was placed on swing shift. Both entered the Industrial Electronics curriculum after listening to their father rave about how much fun he was having and the unlimited job opportunities for skilled people in the field.

“I think it’s the ultimate endorsement of the College and the program for a parent to encourage his children to come into our program,” said Ellenberg.

“The instructors bend over backwards for everybody. Whether it is English or math classes, teachers always tell us to call them if we have questions. They are here to help us succeed. Without the support from instructors, counselors and advisors, I would have quit,” he said. 

Editor’s Note: Franks graduated from the IET program in May, 2009. He currently teaches as an adjunct in that division.





The Customer Service Team from the Corporate and Community Education Division participates in an apprenticeship class taught by Dr. Brian Swords.

Raising the Bar

Customer Service Team Becomes Apprentices

Dr. Brian Swords was part of a meeting with Johnson Controls, discussing the advantages of setting up an apprenticeship program and how consistency in training can benefit the entire organization, when he realized that the same concepts could be applied at Tri-County. The College's Corporate and Community Education Division (CCE) recently had reorganized its customer service unit to serve customers more efficiently, said Dr. Swords, who is director of operations for CCE. He approached CCE Dean Rick Cothran about the possibility of creating an apprenticeship program. "Rick urged me to get in touch with Apprenticeship Consultant Brad Neese to set things up," said Dr. Swords.

The result is Tri-County becoming the first technical college in the State to have a registered customer service apprenticeship through Apprenticeship Carolina™.

"A first impression can make or break a business and impacts the bottom line overall. Our customer service unit is responsible for communicating with customers, not only externally but internally as well," said Dr. Swords. "Our CCE customer service team is receptive and eager to earn a national credential. Choosing them to participate in this program sends them a message that we are investing in them as people and as employees, and reinforces that they are valuable members of our team," said Dr. Swords.

"The apprenticeship program establishes a consistent training pattern in how we provide service and answers to our customers," he added. The year-long program covers topics such as face-to-face communication, as well as electronic communication, listening skills, and


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~Dr. Brian Swords, Director of Operations, Corporate and Community Education Division

perception. "We receive hundreds of calls and e-mails every day and each is a potential customer of the College," said Dr. Swords.

Emerging technology is forcing everyone, especially customer service reps, to interact electronically. Gone are the days when registrations were taken over the phone and in person. In the last year, the CCE began taking online registration and payments. "It's an enormous undertaking and has a tremendous impact on the bottom line. We live in an electronic environment. We communicate via e-mail, Twitter, and Facebook. We are doing business a different way."

"The avenues of communication are different, but the basic principles remain the same. You should treat people the way you want to be treated," said Shannan Holland, customer service manager for CCE and one of four enrolled in the pilot customer service class.

"Customer service is paramount to any business," added Dr. Swords. "If you get good customer service, you will tell one person. If you get bad customer service, you will tell 10 people. We want customers to leave Tri-County feeling like they count." 



Representatives from five local businesses and industries, along with Dr. Booth, sign documentation to implement registered apprenticeship programs. From left are Steve Witcher, training manager for Plastic Omnium; Robert Dye, chief financial officer for Peoples Bancorporation; Dr. Ronnie Booth; Randy Bowers, executive director of Bowers Emergency Services; Cindy Coward, human resource director for Johnson Controls; and Rob Griffin, plant manager for U.S. Engine Valve.

Local Business, Industry Among Firsts in State for Apprenticeship Programs

Five local businesses and industries, along with Tri-County, are raising the bar with their workforce development by implementing registered apprenticeship programs – several of which are firsts in the state.


Tri-County joins Bowers Emergency Services and Peoples Bancorporation (both from Pickens County), Johnson Controls and U.S. Engine Valve (both from Oconee County), and Plastic Omnium in Anderson County in implementing apprenticeship programs that will help employees to raise their skills levels and earn a nationally recognized credential from the Department of Labor.

Bowers Emergency Services, a family owned and operated business in Pickens, is the first registered EMT program in Pickens County.

Peoples Bancorporation, which includes The Peoples National Bank, Bank of Anderson, and Seneca National Bank, is the first financial institution to be registered in the state.

U.S. Engine Valve is the first industry to sign in Oconee County. Plastic Omnium is the first registered Mechatronics apprenticeship for Anderson County.

Johnson Controls is the first registered apprenticeship program to be funded by a congressional federal grant (Apprenticeship Carolina: Building New Career Pathways). Mechatronics training will be paid for by an Apprenticeship Workforce Investment Act (WIA) /Department of Commerce grant, and an AdvanceSC grant will fund the company's certified production technician training.

The benefits of a registered apprenticeship are increased productivity, reduced turnover, higher skills levels, and improved morale, said Ann Marie Stieritz, founding director of Apprenticeship Carolina™, a new division of the SC Technical College System that works to ensure that SC employers have access to the information and technical assistance they need to create demand-driven registered apprenticeship programs. 



Maine Dawkins, seen in both photos, says the Boston trip is a highlight of his time at Tri-County.



Pricelless Experience

Boston Trip Offers Historical Connection

There is no greater culmination of student learning and active learning than the annual Boston trip whereby students immerse themselves in the culture and history of a city where American independence began, said Todd Crisp-Simons, English instructor and director of the Learning Beyond Campus program.

This summer (May 30 – June 17) 12 students enrolled in a seven-week program, titled Early American Studies. Classes met for three weeks on campus and in early June, they flew to Boston to study the New England area. The class combined History 201 and English 201.

“We want students to visit the literary and historical sites to visually experience what we had been teaching,” said Dr. Chad Gregory, history instructor and co-director of Learning Beyond Campus. “Students establish an historical connection to the history of the New England area in a way that the traditional textbook and lecture format never could,” he added.

Business Management major Maine Dawkins says he would use two words to describe the trip – educational and entertaining. “We had a lot of fun learning because Dr. Gregory, Mr. Crisp-Simons, and English instructor Dr. Amoen Norcross made it fun. I learned things that the textbook didn’t cover,” he said.

“It’s one thing to talk about Paul Revere, but it’s quite another to be able to say I toured his house. Or to see a whale watch off the coast of Boston or to visit the Museum of African American History and to walk the Black Heritage Trail. The trip gives a different perspective than you get in a classroom with a power point presentation,” said Maine.


“We want what they are reading in books to come to life,” said Crisp-Simons. “Students walked on grounds where

fallen soldiers paid the ultimate price for freedom and where the first musket was fired during the Revolutionary War. They spent a day at the Plymouth Plantation, where actors recreate to the last detail the lives of Native Wampanoag and Colonial English men and women in 1627. They visited the reputed site of Henry David Thoreau’s home at Walden Pond. They spent a day at Lowell National Historical Park, where they studied the Lowell Mills.” Other significant highlights included watching a live reenactment of the Salem witch trials, attendance at an Old North Church service, The Freedom Trail, the Mayflower II, New Bedford Whaling Museum, Old North Bridge, and Bunker Hill.

The group didn’t just stay in Boston. They visited Amherst, New Bedford, Salem, Concord, and Lexington. Students also got a taste of the local culture through music and authentic food and learned to navigate via public transportation.

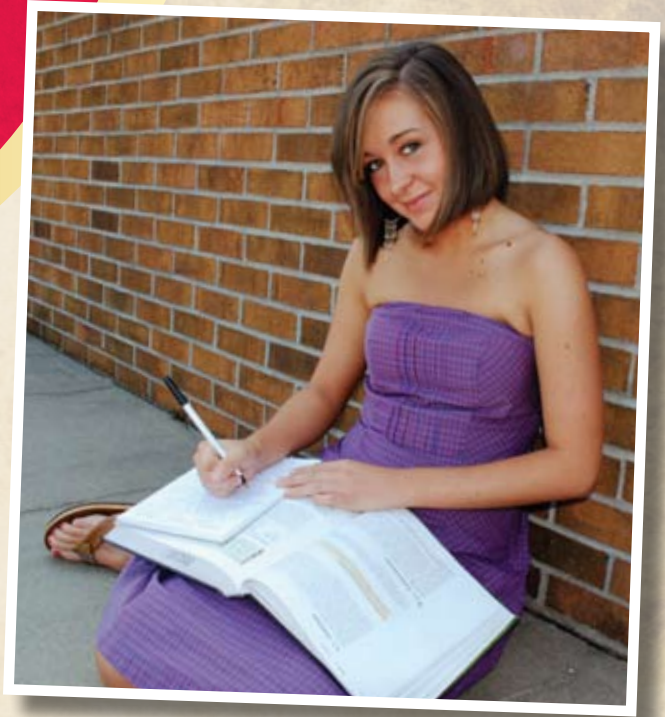
“They eat, sleep, and breathe Boston for three weeks. They are steeped in cultural awareness. They learn how to be independent and to live with peers of different backgrounds. It’s the real world,” said Crisp-Simons.

The trip remains one of his fondest memories at Tri-County, said Maine, who has served as vice president of the Student Government Association and the Alpha Zeta Beta honor society. It only takes a back seat to graduation, which for him is May 2010. “It was a standout trip, one that I hope will continue for years.”

“You can’t put a price on this trip in terms of what they get to see and what they bring back,” said Crisp-Simons. The trip was funded by support from the Student Affairs Division, the College Foundation, private donors, including Gregory and Crisp-Simons, and student fundraisers. The cost includes airfare, housing, public and distance transportation, and admission costs. 

“Kayla came into my English class very shy but ended up being the leader of her success team.”

~Katy Goforth, English Instructor



Kayla Swaney

Learning College Values Student Success

Kayla Swaney was an average student at Pendleton High School and readily admits she was more focused on soccer and cross-country training than academics.

“I just wasn’t interested in my studies, and I certainly wasn’t organized,” acknowledges the self-proclaimed ‘former slacker.’

“My high school teachers wouldn’t recognize me today,” says the LPN major who, in 2008, upon the advice of her Tri-County advisor, signed up for the Learning Excellence Initiative (LEI) classes during registration. The LEI is a three-pronged attempt to improve student learning through Smart Start (a super orientation), Learning Communities (comprised of the same group of students taking the same classes), and the Freshman Seminar (an academic course that gives these students the tools to become successful in college). The initiative is part of the College’s journey of becoming a ‘learning college’ – always striving to make students’ learning experiences the best that they can be, and for the College to do things better and in more engaging ways.

The LEI classes are designed to improve students’ learning through examining and refining their first-year college experience.


Kayla ended her first semester at Tri-County as an academic achiever, holding the highest average in a Developmental English class. Later she skipped English 100 and went straight to English 101 (a college transfer class). She also received the highest average in her Freshman Seminar community. The Seminar is a one-semester transition experience whereby students take personal responsibility for learning. She also received

the Outstanding LEI Student Award for her learning community. “These things had never happened before,” said Kayla.

“The Freshman Seminar is an academic course that gives students the tools to become successful in college,” said Katy Goforth, English instructor. “It teaches students study skills techniques, along with focusing on teaching successful behaviors that enable participants to be successful students.”

“The LEI classes turned me around,” said Kayla. “As a result, I’ve learned how to be a creator, not a victim. I began to notice that I could be successful if I tried. I love school now, but I would have been lost without these classes,” she said.

Sue Andrus, public services librarian at Tri-County, says LEI students stand out when she observes students researching and writing their English papers. “There is a difference when students are part of a learning cohort,” Andrus said. “Students become engaged, productive, and organized. They have a really good understanding of the timeframe needed to do research. Most important, they grasp the idea of personal responsibility and it is reflected in their papers, their time management and organizational skills, and preparation for class.”

“Kayla came into my English class very shy but ended up being the leader of her success team,” said Goforth. “She gained confidence in her skills and consequently the group looked to her for guidance in projects. LEI classes give students confidence and urge them to become a part of the campus community.” 



Making Connections

Welding, Clemson Students Collaborate to Create Sustainable Housing Prototype

The fluorescent lime green structure with its fold-down walls revealing a turquoise interior immediately catches the eye when walking past Lee Hall on the Clemson campus. What may look like a funky throwback to the sixties is in actuality a sustainable housing unit, designed by Clemson University Architecture and Landscape Architecture students, with metalworking done by Tri-County's Welding students.

Clemson's associate professor of Architecture, Dr. Doug Hecker, was contacted by Container-It, the official Maersk shipping container distributor for North America, Mexico, and the Caribbean, in the fall of 2008 about developing a course to take a shipping container and turn it into a hurricane-resistant housing option for people in underprivileged countries.

The SEED Project was born, using an existing surplus of shipping containers and working with industry partners including Container-it, Intermodal Steel Building Units (ISBU) Association (Project GreenCube), Sargent Metals, Tri-County, and Clemson designers from the Department of Architecture and the Department of Landscape Architecture.

Container-It provided the major funding and equipment. The 8' x 8.5' x 40' structure is made of steel, weighs 8,600 pounds, and can hold 60,000 pounds of goods. "They are very robust structurally, are hurricane resistant and can withstand 140 mph winds when not tied down. It's a way to provide a safe, secure home to residents of the Caribbean," said Dr. Hecker.

Dr. Hecker, working with CU Associate Architecture professor Dr. Martha Skinner and Dr. Pernille Christensen, a visiting Landscape Architecture professor,

supervised their students, who conducted research and construction along with outdoor designs and art. Dr. Hecker recognized the magnitude of work ahead of them and the fact that he needed the technical skills that Tri-County's Welding program could offer.

"It's the first time the Department of Architecture collaborated with Tri-County, and it was a great experience," he said. "I always knew they were down the road and had the expertise, equipment, and manufacturing capability. I finally made the call to Welding Program Coordinator Paul Phelps, who immediately committed to the project."

In just eight weeks, around 30 Tri-County and Clemson students – working two days a week, four hours a day – turned the shipping container into a prototype that was captured on video by Wonderworld, a film and video production company in Charlotte, NC.

"It's the first time the Department of Architecture collaborated with Tri-County, and it was a great experience."

~Dr. Doug Hecker, Professor of Architecture, Clemson University

Tri-County's Welding students joined forces with Clemson University's Architecture and Landscape Architecture students on a project to take a shipping container, pictured at left, and turn it into a hurricane-resistant housing option for residents in underprivileged countries.

“This is valuable hands-on experience for their resumes, in addition to community service.”

~Paul Phelps, Welding Program Coordinator

“I called Paul in December, and in one month we formed this collaborative unit and by May had significant results,” said Dr. Hecker.

Welding students cut out doors and openings for ventilation, said Phelps. They installed a staircase and made a roof into a livable space.

“This was a fantastic real-world experience for our students,” said Phelps. “They enjoyed every minute of it and gained one credit hour of co-op experience. Some students even volunteered their time just for the experience. This is valuable hands-on experience for their resumes, in addition to community service.”

“It’s a work in progress and a solution to a pressing social need,” said Dr. Hecker, who reviewed the unit with colleagues and will implement minor changes.


Clemson has been awarded a \$10,000 EPA grant to keep the project going and will compete for a \$50,000 grant to build a prototype in Dominica. They are continuing research on creating solar panels and water and hygiene resources, including a shower fed from a rainwater attachment.

“Working as a team puts Landscape Architecture and Welding students in dialogue with each other about solutions. The more each knows about specific disciplines, the better prepared they will be in the workforce. The experience opened the door for



Photo courtesy of Dustin White, Clemson University

Here a group examines the layout for the initial cut of the container, as Tri-County student Gantt Huiet welds the cutting guide. Pictured with him, from back to front, are Bryant Houston and Brantley Fowler, both Welding students, Paul Phelps, Welding program coordinator, and Adam Berry, Clemson student.

Clemson and Tri-County to work together in the future,” said Dr. Hecker. 

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John Powell is 2009 Distinguished Alumnus

The landscape and the course offerings may have broadened in the last 37 years, but alumnus John Powell says the heart of Tri-County Technical College – its caring, compassionate instructors – remains the same.

“That’s what makes Tri-County special. Instructors care about their students and are interested in helping them to get good jobs. It’s no different than when I was a student in the early 1970’s. You’re a name, not a number,” said Powell, a 1972 Business Technology graduate, who owns and operates Powell Real Estate in Oconee County.

Powell received the College’s Distinguished Alumni Award, which highlights his dedication to his alma mater. The recipient of this award must have been awarded a degree, diploma or certificate from Tri-County; must have graduated at least one year earlier; and must have made significant contributions to the College, the Alumni Association, or the community.

Since graduating, Powell has maintained a close connection to the College by serving on various boards and continuing to spread the word about a place that gave him career direction and many fond memories. He says Tri-County offered exactly what he was interested in – practical experience combined with classroom knowledge.

He served as the College’s second Student Government Association president. “I still feel a real connection to the College,” said Powell, who, to date, is the first and only alumnus to serve on the College’s Foundation Board, was the Alumni Association’s second president, and is a longtime member of the Business Technology Advisory Committee.

During his tenure as president of the Alumni Association, he helped to organize the first annual golf tournament in 1987 which has continued through


the years with proceeds from past tournaments enabling the Alumni Association to endow two scholarships through the College’s Foundation, to make professional development opportunities available to faculty and staff, and to name a room at the Anderson Campus.

He entered the real estate business in 1973, and today Powell Real Estate has 16 sales agents in three offices, and Powell, who sells just like the rest and vows that will never change.

In addition, he has been involved in the creation of 36 subdivisions, including being a partner in Falcon’s Lair Golf Community in Walhalla. In 2002, he and good friend, Rick Cook, formed a partnership. Today they have nine Subway franchises in Upstate SC.

In 1992, he was elected to the Oconee Medical Center Board of Directors and served as chairman from 1995 – 1998. He also chaired the Oconee County School Task Force. He currently serves on the Business Education Industry Organization in Oconee County.

Giving back to the community is key to Powell so he didn’t hesitate when asked to chair a fundraising campaign to build a homeless shelter in Oconee County. Our Daily Rest opened this summer.

“I enjoy what I do,” said Powell. “Retirement is not in my vocabulary.” 



John Powell

Square D/Schneider Electric Contributes to Teaching Chair Endowment in IET Division

Square D/Schneider Electric in Seneca made a \$9,000 contribution towards the company's second Teaching Chair Endowment in the Industrial and Engineering Technology Division. Pictured here, left to right, are Terry Schiazza, business development specialist at Square D; Dr. Ronnie Booth; and Larry Smith, plant manager at Square D.

Since 1988, Square D has supported the Tri-County Technical College Foundation through generous annual gifts, all devoted to advancing educational opportunities and instruction.



U.S. Engine Valve Supports Maintenance Technician Training

U.S. Engine Valve made a donation in support of equipment for the World Class Training Center's Trinity Workplace Learning Systems. The two joint owners of U.S. Engine Valve donated \$10,000 from the Eaton Charitable Fund and \$5,000 from Nittan Valve Company towards programmable logic controllers for the maintenance technician training program for the College's Continuing Education Division.

Pictured here are, from left, David Wakefield, chairman of the College's Foundation Board; Dr. Ronnie L. Booth; and Hisao Takahashi, president of Nittan Valve Company.

U.S. Engine Value is a member of the College's World Class Training Center and since 1989 has been a strong supporter of the College Foundation, having endowed a scholarship and provided funding for professional development and equipment.



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AT&T Foundation Supports Gateway Program

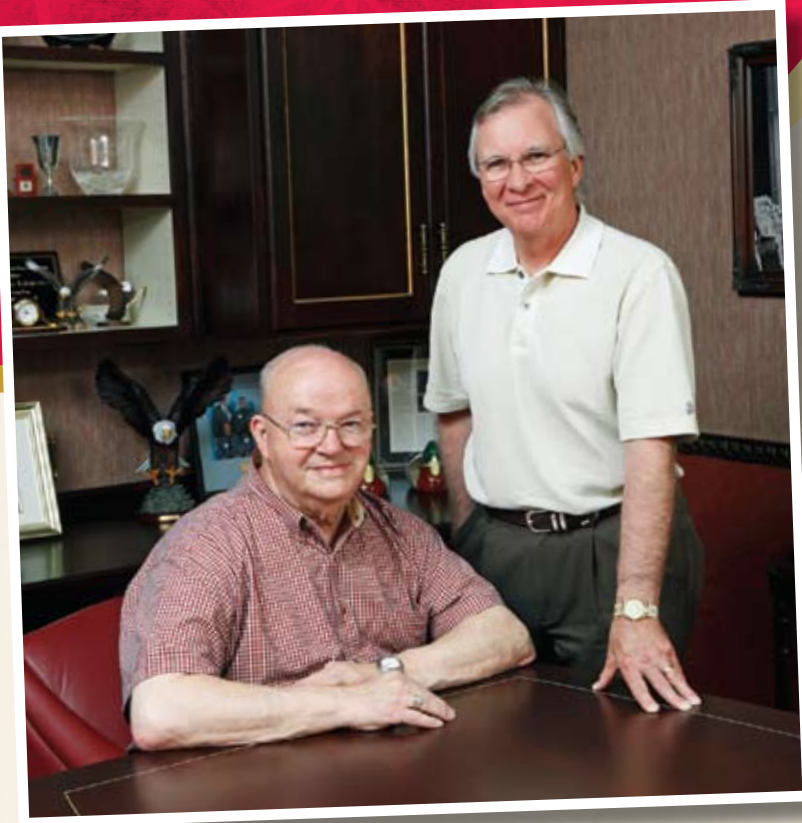
Jane Sosebee, AT&T director of external affairs for South Carolina, third from left, and Dr. Booth, second from left, pose with members of our Legislative Delegation for the presentation of a \$100,000 check to support our Gateway to College program. Pictured with them are, from left, Rep. Brian White; Sen. Thomas Alexander; Rep. Dan Cooper; Jim Evers, AT&T regional director; Rep. Phil Owens; and Rep. Mike Gambrell.



Faculty Member Plants the Seed for Student Mental Health Fund

Dr. Mary Scott West, psychology instructor, seated, and her husband, Danny, a pharmacist at CVS in Clemson and an adjunct instructor for our Pre-Pharmacy program, pledged \$5,000 to the Foundation's Major Gifts Campaign to create the Student Mental Health Counseling Endowment. Their pledge will produce the seed money for a part- or full-time licensed mental health counselor for students who are in crisis.





Abney Foundation Strengthens Scholarship Endowment

The Abney Foundation made a generous \$100,000 donation in December to support the Hayden Abney Fulp Memorial Scholarship Endowment. To date, contributions to that endowment total \$1,810,000. Since 1989, The Abney Foundation has contributed a total of \$3,630,000 to the Foundation and is the largest overall contributor to the College Foundation and a strong supporter of the mission and purpose of the College. Pictured here are Carl Edwards, executive director of the Abney Foundation, seated, and David King, associate director. The Abney Foundation was named the Philanthropist of the Year by Tri-County's Foundation Board in 1998.

Clemson Downs Volunteers Support Nurse Aide Training

Tequila Clinkscales, of Pendleton, a nurse aide at Clemson Downs, seated, is among the nine who received a scholarship to attend nurse aide certification classes at Tri-County, thanks to the Clemson Downs volunteers who gave a total of \$10,000 during the fiscal year for these scholarships. Pictured with her are, from left, Rae Romesburg, home health manager, and Susan Alexander, director of assisted living, both of Clemson Downs; and Barbara Adams, treasurer of the Clemson Downs volunteers.



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Fall Classic Raises Nearly \$30,000 For Student Success

Since 2005, the Tri-County Technical College Foundation has hosted an Annual Fall Classic Golf Tournament. Proceeds from the 2008 tournament funded an initiative that community leaders have identified as one of most importance to the three-county area: Enhancing Opportunities for Student Success. This initiative provides scholarship assistance for hundreds of students and funding for the Gateway to College program. It also supports other programs aimed at providing our students with invaluable learning experiences, such as student government programs, regional internships, and educational travel abroad programs that help to make students better workers, better leaders, and better citizens. Pictured with Dr. Ronnie Booth, fourth from left, are the winners Jerry Smith, Rick Phillips, Jim McCoy, and James McCoy.

Cannons Continue Long-time Support of Writing Contest

Seniors from T.L. Hanna High School took first- and second-place honors in the short story category at the Ruby S. Hicks Memorial Writing Contest Awards Ceremony. For the eighth consecutive year, Mike and Brenda Cannon of Anderson, far left and third from left, are the patrons of the contest. In honor of their sons, Brooks and Ross, the Cannons fund the cash awards for the winners of the writing competition.

Pictured with the Cannons, from left, are Anne Harder, AP English teacher; Katie Skawski, who won the second-place prize; and Dillon McDougald, who won first place. Since 1986, the event has recognized the creative writing abilities of area high school students.



“I appreciate their spirit and attitude of sharing. I also appreciate their legacy.”

~Dr. Ronnie L. Booth



Ellis Bradford and Clara Golay Named Foundation's Philanthropists of the Year

Ellis E. Bradford and Clara W. Golay cherish the 15 years they spent in Pendleton and the relationships they fostered with the community and Tri-County Technical College.

“They wanted to make a difference at Tri-County Technical College – the institution that has done so much for the community where they lived,” said Dr. Ronnie Booth. Since 2000, the Bradfords have given more than \$117,000 cumulatively and are recognized on the College's prestigious Wall of Honor as Benefactors of Honor.

The couple, who relocated to the Galloway Ridge retirement community in Pittsboro, North Carolina, received the College's Philanthropists of the Year award at a November 20 meeting of its Foundation Board. This award is the Foundation's highest and most prestigious honor reserved for those who make a substantial contribution to the Foundation in support of the College's programs and services.


“I am honored to present this award,” said Dr. Booth. “I appreciate their spirit and attitude of sharing. I also appreciate their legacy. In a way, they are in the business of people making. They saw the vital impact the College makes on the community, and they help to make people's lives better through their gifts. Thanks to them for making a difference.”

The Bradfords have continued to give generously each year, impacting virtually every area of the College. In addition to their numerous unrestricted gifts, they have made significant contributions towards an endowment that supports professional development of Tri-County's faculty and staff, the Gateway to College program, the purchase of simulator equipment for health education

programs and an endowment to support the priority needs of the College. They also established a fund to rescue students who, often at the last minute, realize they cannot meet certain expenses.

Originally from Ithaca, New York, Mr. Bradford was a banker for Citibank for nearly 37 years. He spent part of his career in Venezuela, France, Switzerland, and Liberia before returning to New York to work on Wall Street. Clara Golay also traveled extensively outside of the United States, including the Philippines, Malaysia, and London.

After losing their spouses in 1990, they were married in 1991. Golay has three sons, one daughter, and nine grandchildren. Bradford has one daughter, two sons, and four grandchildren. They chose to build a home on Pendleton's Liberty Hall Drive to be close to family.

“The Bradfords are two of my favorite people,” said good friend Suzanne Morse, who also serves on the College's Foundation Board. “They are generous and gracious and friendly. They have varied and rich experiences and have something in common with everyone they meet. They are a couple who live life to the fullest.” 

Senator Marshall J. Parker

1922 – 2008

A Great and Gracious Man

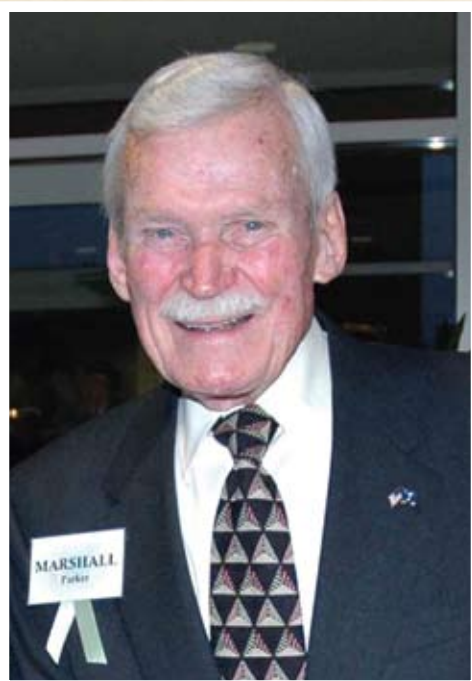
“We have lost a great and gracious man, and I am grateful to have known him,” the Reverend Jeff Childress said as he began his remarks at the memorial service for Marshall J. Parker, one of the State Technical College System’s founding fathers, a longtime member of our Foundation Board, and a man deeply devoted to his family, church, community, and State.

Hundreds of friends, family, and colleagues gathered November 18, 2008, at Saint Mark United Methodist Church to remember, honor, and celebrate the life of former State Senator Parker, who passed away at the age of 86 after a year-long battle with cancer.

Senator Parker lived life motivated by making a difference, whether it was operating Oconee Dairies, one of Oconee County’s most successful businesses in the 50’s and 60’s, serving in the State Senate, or by improving the quality of life in our area through his contributions as one of the founding fathers of this College.

“Senator Parker was a true friend, strong supporter, and generous benefactor of Tri-County Technical College for more than four decades,” said Dr. Booth. “As one of the founding fathers of the S.C. Technical College System in the early 1960’s, he keenly understood the critical role of technical education in supporting the economic development of the State. But, just as important, he also understood the personal side of education and the power it has to change people’s lives. Senator Parker has helped countless students over the years through his generosity and kind spirit. He can never be replaced and his legacy will never be forgotten.”

Senator Parker’s loyal devotion to the College began in 1961 when he and five other legislators comprised a committee which recommended that a technical college system be established on the premise that “the greatest single resource that South Carolina has with which to attract industry is its people.” As a State senator representing Oconee County, Sen. Parker was a major




contributor to the committee’s research and findings, and he immediately became the driving force in the founding of Tri-County in 1962 as the first technical institution in the State to serve more than one county.

He continued his commitment through his 20 years of service on the Foundation Board, which he chaired for four years (1989 – 93). He was a member of the Foundation Finance Committee from 1989 – 2007. He rotated off the Board June 30, 2007.

The College paid tribute to Senator Parker in 1987 by inducting him into the Order of the Trilon, the highest honor bestowed by the College Commission, and again in 2003 when faculty and staff and the community gathered to dedicate

the Marshall J. Parker Auditorium in Oconee Hall. Friends and family of Senator Parker donated funds to name the auditorium in his honor.

In 1991, the late Senator Strom Thurmond honored his longtime friend and political associate by establishing a scholarship endowment fund in Senator Parker’s name at Tri-County. Since then the Parkers have made significant financial contributions to the College, including endowing scholarships and establishing an instructional/staff excellence endowment. Their first gift was to support the Don C. Garrison Endowed Scholarship in 1988. Since then, they endowed the Martha Barham Parker Scholarship in 1990 in memory of their daughter; in 1995, they established the Hazel Sherrill Instructional/Staff Excellence Endowment; and in 1999, they established a scholarship in honor of Mrs. Parker’s brother, the late Dr. R.K. Nimmons. They also have been faithful supporters of the Foundation’s Fall Classic Golf Tournament and the Spring Open Golf Tournament sponsored by the Alumni Association and the Athletics Department.

He and Mrs. Parker were recipients of the College’s 2007 Philanthropists of the Year award. 

Year in Review

July 2008

- ▶ Throughout the year, the College offered National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI) workshops for faculty and staff. The NCBI is an international, non-profit, leadership training organization based in Washington, D.C. and works to eliminate racism and all other forms of prejudice and discrimination throughout the world.
- ▶ The Foundation made \$196,450 available for professional development for faculty and staff through mini-grants and teaching chairs (money generated through endowments and gifts restricted to professional development activities).

August 2008



Congressman Gresham Barrett, fourth from left, joined College officials for a groundbreaking ceremony for a road-widening project to improve access to the College's Anderson campus. Through his continued support of Tri-County's initiatives, Rep. Barrett secured \$300,000 in federal appropriations to fund the widening of Michelin Boulevard to provide a turn lane into the campus.



NASA Astronaut and retired Army Colonel Patrick Forrester delivered the keynote address at the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) conference to around 100 educators from Anderson-Oconee-Pickens school districts, along with educators from Tri-County and Clemson University. The symposium was funded with a \$46,200 grant from AdvanceSC.

- ▶ Dr. Chris Marino, director of Research and Evaluation, was the recipient of the Presidential Medallion for Staff Excellence at the annual faculty/staff convocation. A cash award was made possible by the Tri-County Technical College Foundation.
- ▶ The Business Technology Advisory Board was named Advisory Committee of the Year at the annual faculty/staff fall convocation. This is the seventh time the committee has received the trophy. The advisory committee consists of community business leaders who meet quarterly to provide input about keeping the curriculum relevant to today's ever-changing work environment.
- ▶ The College graduated its first nurse aide class from its Oconee campus at the Fred P. Hamilton Career Center. Eight students took classroom instruction at the College's Oconee campus, and clinicals were held at Seneca Health and Rehabilitation. All students were academic achievers (achieved an average of 90 or above).

Year in Review

September 2008



During TRiO's Upward Bound Summer component, the staff schedules academic, cultural, and social activities for the students. Among this year's activities were community work for Pendleton Veteran's Park, Clemson Community Care, and Habitat for Humanity. Pictured here are students who volunteered with Habitat for Humanity of Pickens County.

November 2008



The Pharmacy Technician program received accreditation by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists agency. Accreditation by the ASHP is the nationwide gold standard for the pharmacy industry.

October 2008



Dr. Brian Swords, seated, with assistance and input from WIA Director Jim Roser, left, and Rick Cothran, dean of the Corporate and Community Education Division, right, and members of the Business Alliance, developed a Power Point presentation to graphically show business and industry what agencies can do to help their workforces. Featured agencies include the College, readySC™, WorkLink, Adult Education, Apprenticeship Carolina™, and the Employment Security Commission.

- The Assessment Center staff launched a COMPASS placement testing pilot program as part of the College Readiness Initiative. Nearly 2,700 students in 13 local high schools participated in the program.



The Student Government Association donated four Thanksgiving dinners to Anderson Interfaith Ministries (AIM) for needy families during the holidays.



Gateway to College graduate Brittany Worley was the first student ever to co-present (with instructor Katy Goforth) at a national Gateway to College conference in Texas. The Gateway to College initiative serves high school dropouts age 17 – 20 who qualify for this unique program and live in Anderson, Oconee and Pickens counties. The program enables students to earn a high school diploma (awarded by participating area high schools) while achieving college success.



The College hosted a Veterans Day Memorial Service to pay tribute to all veterans and current service men and women who serve and sacrifice for this country. Captain Philip B. Piazza, of Seneca, right, a World War II veteran who is a distinguished member of the 75th Ranger Regt. and a member of the Ranger Hall of Fame, and Bobby Owens, of Pickens, a Tri-County student and Iraqi Freedom veteran, left, placed a wreath at the memorial in the Veterans Memorial Plaza located in front of the College.



Senator Jim DeMint was the guest speaker at the 2008 Annual Report Luncheon. Here, he greets Jody Lloyd-Aulbach, one of the students spotlighted in the publication. Jody credits TRI's Student Support Services team with helping to ease the transition back to college.



The College honored former Commission member and Anderson resident Lawrence B. (Larry) Miller (right) with the Order of Merit, the highest award given by the College's nine-member Commission, at the November 2008 Annual Report luncheon. Presenting the award is Dr. Booth.

Year in Review

December 2008



Crystal Wilson, of Pickens, left, participates in the pinning ceremony held for the first graduating class of the College's Practical Nursing program at its Oconee Campus at the Hamilton Career Center. Pinning her is Carol Henry, Practical Nursing instructor.



Burton East, of Salem, left, an Industrial Maintenance student, works on one of the 10 hydraulics/pneumatics trainers purchased by the College with \$250,000 from AdvanceSC. Pictured with East is instructor Danny Stovall.

- The College's giving to the United Way topped all previous records, raising \$7,932 and exceeding the goal of \$6,500 by \$1,432.

January 2009



The Early Childhood Development (ECD) program hosted its First Annual Professional Development Institute. One hundred and fifteen early childhood center-based teachers and caregivers participated in the all-day workshop.

- Its name is different but its mission is still the same. The Continuing Education Division became the Corporate and Community Education Division. The Division's focus is to be market driven and to teach what corporate and community customers want and need.



TechReadySC, a collaborative partnership of five Upstate colleges that is funded by AdvanceSC, provided each of the colleges with state-of-the-art laboratory equipment to provide students with "hands-on" training opportunities in the interdisciplinary field of Mechatronics Technology. Jay Sloan, an instructor in the Corporate and Community Education Division, is pictured with the utility trailer provided by TechReadySC, which transports training equipment to off-campus locations such as worksites for employee training.

February 2009



The College offered a series of Open Houses to spotlight its academic programs and student services. Here, Cherlyn Brown, Surgical Technology program coordinator, talks with a group in the department's OR.

- ▶ Tri-County and Clemson University, along with developers, broke ground on a student success center for Bridge to Clemson students.

- ▶ Sixteen teams representing students from area middle schools, competed in a regional qualifying event for FIRST LEGO League teams. In this year's challenge, Climate Connections, teams built robots using LEGO kits and were judged on performance, design, presentation, and teamwork. Because of a generous donation from Robert Bosch Corporation, LLC, Tri-County provided this event free of charge.



Clark Nesbitt provided insight into the genius of some of America's greatest African-American writers, poets, and activists from the early 1900's to the Civil Rights Movement in his Black History Month presentation titled "I, Too, Am America."

March 2009

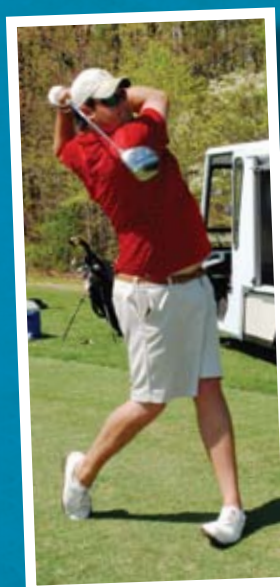


The 16th Annual College and Career Fair provided soon-to-be grads, persons who are unemployed, and those transitioning from jobs to talk about employment opportunities with recruiters and managers and to develop a network of career contacts. The event, which drew more than 300, was sponsored by TriO's Student Support Services program.

- ▶ The Veterinary Technology program partnered with Greyhound Crossroads, a greyhound adoption service in South Carolina and the surrounding areas in North Carolina and Georgia, to foster six greyhounds that were being retired. This experience served as an opportunity for students to be able to take what they learn here about greyhounds' unique medical needs with them to the veterinary practices where they will eventually work.
- ▶ Three faculty/staff members were honored as Tri-County's Educators of the Year. Lee Tennent, director of the Information Technology Division, is the College's outstanding administrator;

Dr. Peggy Champion, who leads the Veterinary Technology program, is the outstanding instructor; and, Melinda Zeigler, administrative assistant for the Business and Public Affairs Division, is the outstanding staff member.

- ▶ Science Department Head Galen DeHay and Mathematics Department Head Dr. Jerry Marshall are serving as expert consultants on the Statewide Course Design Team for the South Carolina Course Alignment Project. SCCAP is the first statewide collaborative effort to bring together high school and college faculty (two- and four-year) to examine the sequence and scope of high school exit courses in English, mathematics, and science in relation to the entry-level college courses in the same disciplines.



April 2009

Funds raised from the Tri-County Spring Open benefited both the Alumni Association and the Athletics Department. The Alumni Association used funds from the tournament to provide scholarships for students, offer book/supply awards, and provide faculty/staff professional development opportunities. Proceeds also will be used for Athletics Department scholarships, equipment, and team-related expenses. Here, George Frederick, a member of the TCTC Men's Golf Team, drives off the tee.

Year in Review

April 2009



Tri-County Technical College's fourth annual bluegrass concert was free family fun featuring bands, fireworks, and department displays. Texas-based Honi Deaton & Dream headlined the show with additional performances by Tugalo Holler, New Dixie Storm, and Legacy Drive. Sandvik was the event's Champion sponsor.



The Career Services Office honored Spring and Summer 2009 graduates by hosting a day of information and networking which included guest speakers from local business and industry, informative roundtable discussions, resume critiquing, interview skills, and networking tips. Here, Carla Whitlock, of Meridian Corporate Solutions and Marketplace Staffing, left, talks one-on-one with Nwamaka (Maria) Ibekwe, of Anderson, who received a degree in Administrative Office Technology.



Samuel Todd Groen, of Easley, center, received the Brian Ferguson Memorial Award for Welding at the annual Student Awards Ceremony. The Brian Ferguson Memorial Award for Welding is a tribute to one of the College's welding students who lost his life in a car accident in 2004. Groen is pictured with Brian's parents, Alan and Carol Ferguson, of Anderson.

- ▶ A CHM 100 web course by Phil Gilmour, Science instructor and this year's Faculty Fellow, was selected as one of six exemplary science and technology courses by Merlot.org, a well-known repository of online higher education materials. Phil's entry was chosen from more than ninety entries.
- ▶ Lily Rosas, an associate degree Nursing student, competed against students from 10 colleges and universities and won awards at the 2009 South Carolina Speech and Theatre Association's annual college speech festival. Rosas placed third in the Impromptu Speaking category and fourth in the Oral Interpretation category.
- ▶ Harmony Hicks, a senior Medical Laboratory Technology honor student and the South Carolina Society of Clinical Laboratory Science (SCSCLS) student forum chair, is the third Tri-County student to receive the Keys to the Future Award.
- ▶ For the second consecutive year, associate degree Nursing (R.N.) and Practical Nursing (L.P.N.) graduates topped State and national scores on the National Council Licensing Exam (NCLEX).

May 2009

- ▶ TCTC golfer Nick Williams shot 76-76-75 and finished third in the Region X year-end golf tournament to earn All-Region honors at Terri Pines Country Club in Cullman, Alabama. His strong showing in this tournament also earned Nick All-District honors, which recognizes the top NJCAA players from the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi.



Student Government Association officers participated in a community service project (Reading and Enrichment) at LaFrance Elementary on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:40am-10:40 am. Here, Raymond James reads to students in Mrs. Shauntay Pinckney's first grade class.



Faculty Senate President and 2009 Presidential Medalion recipient Lou Ann Martin, left, carried a ceremonial mace as she and Dr. Booth, front right, led the graduation procession. Tri-County began instituting the mace as part of our tradition at the May 12 commencement. Second-year Engineering Graphics Technology students designed and produced the mace.

- ▶ Mary Rowell, an instructor in the Science Department, is the recipient of the 2009 Adjunct Faculty Presidential Award. This award is given annually to the adjunct faculty member who is recognized for excellence in teaching, who has consistently high student evaluations and who supports the philosophy and goals of the College.

June 2009



Dr. Mendel Stewart, who served as a Commissioner representing Pickens County for the past 32 years, decided to step down from the board. Dr. Stewart served as chairman of the Commission from 1998 – 2008. Here, Helen Rosemond-Saunders, Commission chair, presents him with a gift of appreciation following the Easley campus groundbreaking ceremony.

- ▶ The College established the Tri-County Economic Development Partnership as part of its 2009-2012 strategic plan. The initiative will focus on small businesses and entrepreneurship, with the first step being to create a center with resources to direct people to other organizations. Tri-County will be a clearinghouse for information.



Construction began this summer on the Oconee County QuickJobs Training Center located at the Hamilton Career Center. The 4,600-square-foot-building will have two classrooms and a large space for labs (welding and electrical classes). Oconee and Pickens counties received \$986,364 each from the State Department of Commerce to build QuickJobs Development Centers to assist in workforce training and skills development. The Community Development Block Grant funds cover the construction costs. Instructors from our Industrial and Engineering Technology Division will teach training courses specifically based on locally identified needs and shortages.

- ▶ An AdvanceSC grant funded Camp Xceleration, a week-long camp sponsored by Tri-County Technical College for ages 12 – 14 to explore the fields of engineering and industrial technology. Participants built and programmed line-following robots, as well as designed and built the competition playing field.

Figures, Charts, & Graphs

Students Receive \$18.8 Million in Student Financial Aid

Students 2008-2009	Program	Amount Dispersed	Students 2008-2009	Program	Amount Dispersed
2,949	Lottery Tuition Assistance	\$2,941,601	85	Upward Bound	15,897
2,770	Pell Grants	6,976,774	54	Alternative Loans	281,142
1,099	Stafford Loans	2,853,522	48	TEACH Early Childhood S.C. Scholarships	37,589
836	LIFE Scholarships	2,562,514	38	D.L. Scurry Loans and Grants	14,571
449	S.C. Need-Based Grants	581,731	37	S.C. Academic Endowment	5,629
386	Foundation Scholarships (Endowed and Restricted)	404,944	28	Parent PLUS Loans	148,223
259	Workforce Investment Act (Dislocated Workers)	84,635	27	Tuition Grants to Children of Certain Veterans	55,251
213	Tuition Waivers	181,176	23	National Guard	43,245
193	Federal Supplemental Ed. Opportunity Grants	158,197	16	Bradford Loans and Grants	4,273
420	Workforce Investment Act (Adult)	471,587	15	Veterans Administration	50,694
146	Gateway to College	587,670	6	S.C. Vocational Rehabilitation	6,004
108	Private Scholarships	107,122			
102	Federal College Work-Study Program	138,870	10,396	Total Awards	\$18,804,322
89	Employer Tuition Assistance (Private Scholarships)	91,461			

Note: Some students received more than one form of financial aid and are counted each time.

Sources: Student Financial Aid Office, Foundation Office, Business Office, Gateway to College Office, Upward Bound Office, and Workforce Investment Act Office, July 2009

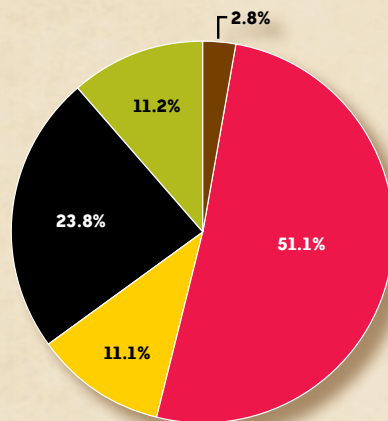
Tri-County Technical College 2008-2009 Budget

Operations Budget
\$31,774,439

Restricted (Federal and State)
\$20,949,000

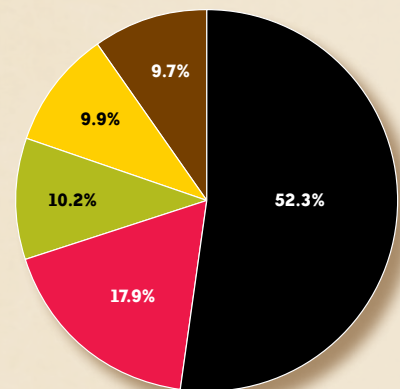
Total Budget
\$52,723,439

Source: Business Office, July 2009



Operations Revenue by Source

Tuition and Fees	51.1%
County Appropriations	11.1%
State Appropriations	23.8%
Auxiliary Enterprise	11.2%
Miscellaneous	2.8%



Operations Expenditures by Function

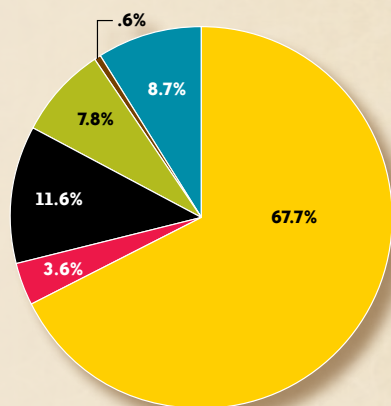
Instruction	52.3%
Academic and Student Support	17.9%
Operations and Maintenance of Plant	10.2%
Administrative and General	9.9%
Auxiliary	9.7%

Credit Student Profile

Fall Semester Comparisons

	2006	2007	2008
Race			
Black	14.3%	13.9%	14.3%
White	80.9%	81.1%	80.4%
Other	4.8%	5.0%	5.3%
Sex			
Female	58.5%	57.4%	55.9%
Male	41.5%	42.6%	44.1%
Enrollment Status			
Full-time	54.2%	53.3%	57.9%
Part-time	45.8%	46.7%	42.1%
Career Development			
(non-degree-seeking majors)	7.0%	13.8%	12.8%
Technical Programs	47.6%	45.2%	53.9%
University Transfer	45.3%	41.0%	33.4%
Working	68.3%	68.8%	65.8%
Avg. hrs. worked/week	28.8	29.3	29.1
Average Age	24.7	24.5	24.4

Source: Institutional Research Office, July 2009



Operations Expenditures by Category

Salaries and Benefits	67.7%
Supplies and Materials	3.6%
Contractual Services	11.6%
Fixed Charges	7.8%
Faculty/Staff Development/Travel	0.6%
Purchases for Resale (Bookstore)	8.7%

Fall Semester Headcount

Arts and Sciences	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Associate in Arts	827	693	714
Associate in Science	1,328	1,450	1,198
TOTAL	2,155	2,143	1,912

Business and Public Services	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Accounting	91	80	86
Administrative Office Technology	168	169	162
Computer Technology	149	136	163
Criminal Justice Technology	164	183	191
Early Childhood Development	119	103	127
Management	260	271	269
Radio and Television Broadcasting	102	103	104
TOTAL	1,053	1,045	1,102

Career Development	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Career Development	334	720	731
TOTAL	334	720	731

Health Education	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Expanded Duty Dental Assisting	39	31	41
Health Certificates	3	0	0
Medical Assisting	75	52	53
Medical Laboratory Technology	41	44	53
Nursing	196	238	793
Practical Nursing	130	181	211
Pre-Health Certificates	51	45	47
Pre-Pharmacy	0	0	35
Respiratory Care	60	49	26
Surgical Technology	69	69	85
Veterinary Technology	68	88	98
TOTAL	732	797	1,442

Industrial and Engineering Technology	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Building Construction Technology	0	0	1
Electronics Engineering Technology	32	29	30
Engineering Graphics Technology	51	56	78
General Engineering Technology	18	25	26
General Technology	28	54	0
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Technology	34	39	40
Industrial Electronics Technology	144	148	165
Industrial Maintenance Technology	32	31	51
Industrial Supervision Technology	52	44	42
Machine Tool Technology	37	47	43
Quality Assurance	1	1	1
Welding	50	44	66
TOTAL	479	518	543

GRAND TOTAL	4,753	5,223	5,730
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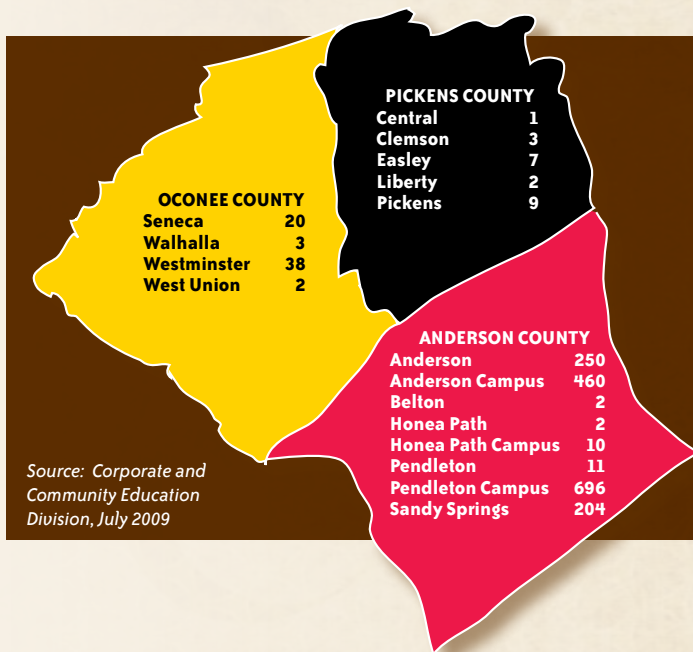
Source: Institutional Research Office, July 2009

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External Funding (July 1, 2008–June 30, 2009)

Project Title	Funding Source	Type	Amount
Computer Automation and Robotics Systems (CARS) Program	AdvanceSC	Private Funds	\$ 150,000
Manufacturing Readiness/Pre-Apprenticeship Program	AdvanceSC	Private Funds	\$ 250,000
High School to LPN to Professor	Duke Endowment	Private Funds	\$ 642,000*
Gateway to College Program	Appalachian Regional Commission	Federal Funds	\$ 153,176
Gateway to College Technology Program	AT&T Foundation	Private Funds	\$ 100,000*
Gateway to College Program	CitiFinancial Foundation	Private Funds	\$ 5,000*
TCTC and Johnson Controls Apprenticeship Program	South Carolina Apprenticeship Program	State Funds	\$ 21,000
TRiO–Student Support Services Year 2 of 5-year project	U.S. Department of Education	Federal Funds	\$ 300,140
TRiO–Talent Search (Year 1 of 5-year project)	U.S. Department of Education	Federal Funds	\$ 391,538
TRiO–Upward Bound (Year 1 of 6-year project)	U.S. Department of Education	Federal Funds	\$ 387,591
Workforce Investment Act Program– Dislocated Workers	U.S. Department of Labor/WorkLink	Federal Funds	\$ 900,000
Workforce Investment Act Program– Adult Workers	U.S. Department of Labor/WorkLink	Federal Funds	\$ 2,008,000
Workforce Investment Act Program– Youth Services – Gateway to College	U.S. Department of Labor/WorkLink	Federal Funds	\$ 620,000
Workforce Investment Act Program Adult—Haven of Rest Welding Project	U.S. Department of Labor/WorkLink	Federal Funds	\$ 12,000
Workforce Investment Act Program Youth Summer Camps	U.S. Department of Labor/WorkLink	Federal Funds	\$ 17,000
Perkins IV Postsecondary Program	U.S. Department of Education/S.C. Department of Education	Federal Funds	\$ 306,610
Education & Economic Development Act	SC Technical College System	State Funds	\$ 60,625
SC Allied Health Initiative Base Funding Component		State Funds	\$ 254,714
Sub-Total (College Grants)			\$5,832,394
TCTC Foundation			\$ 747,000*
Total			\$6,579,394

*Denotes funding that was granted to the TCTC Foundation.
Source: Grants Office and Foundation Office, August 2009



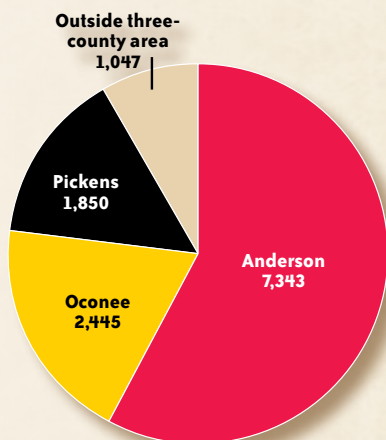
Source: Corporate and Community Education Division, July 2009

Corporate and Community Education Classes by County

Anderson County	1,635
(Includes Pendleton and Anderson Campuses)	
Oconee County	63
Pickens County	22
Online	343
Other	6
TOTAL	2,069

Corporate and Community Education Students

Enrollment by County

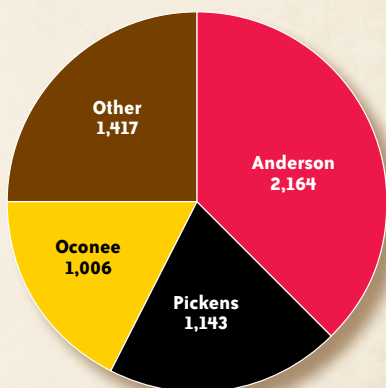


Total : 12,685

Source: Corporate and Community Education Division, July 2009

Credit Students

Enrollment by County



Total : 5,730

Source: Institutional Research Office, July 2009



Training for New Jobs and/or Expanding Industries

readySC™ trained workers for **422** new jobs during the 08-09 year.

Anderson County

AFCO.....	2
Bosch	50
Cross Country Home Services	154
Famous Craft Boats.....	11
Walgreens Distribution Center	19
TOTAL	236

Oconee County

BorgWarner Automotive.....	34
Covidien.....	126
TOTAL	160

Pickens County

St. Jude Medical.....	26
TOTAL	26

GRAND TOTAL 422

Source: readySC™ Office, July 2009

Graduates & Awards FY 2008-09

	Graduates (Unduplicated Headcount)	Awards (Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates)
August 2008	216	275
May 2009	219	290
Totals	435	565

Source: Registrar, July 2009

TCTC Foundation, Inc.

Ways to Give

There are many ways you can support Tri-County Technical College's efforts to achieve excellence in two-year technical education. Following are some examples:

- Cash
- Non-Cash, i.e., equipment donations, etc.
- Employers' Matching Gifts
- Securities
- Real Estate
- Life Insurance
- Retirement Plans
- Trusts and Annuities
- Bequests

For additional information, contact John H. Lummus, Vice President for Economic and Institutional Advancement and Executive Director of the Tri-County Technical College Foundation, at 864-646-1548.

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Remembering Family and Friends

The next time you wish to acknowledge the death of a friend or loved one or are faced with buying a gift for someone who has everything, you may want to consider making an honor/memorial gift to the Tri-County Technical College Foundation. These gifts give lasting recognition to the individuals for whom the gifts are made while at the same time helping to ensure the future of the College.

More than 100 honor/memorial gifts totaling \$47,235 were received during 2008-2009. Each donor received a receipt for his/her tax purposes acknowledging that the gift was tax-deductible, and the individual or family honored received a personal acknowledgment from the Foundation.

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Many companies and corporations in the United States offer matching-gift programs, giving their employees an opportunity to double or even triple the size of their donations to charitable organizations. Eight donors who gave to the Tri-County Technical College Foundation, Inc., during 2008-2009 applied for matching gifts. The total amount matched by the following companies was \$6,513:

Duke Energy

GE

IBM Corporation

St. Jude Medical – CRM Division

The South Financial Group

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Financial Statement

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash	\$ 987,176
Net Pledge Receivables	\$ 386,880
Short-Term Investments	\$ 120,912
Interest Receivables	\$ 81,165
Student Loan Receivables	\$ 6,442

Total Current Assets **\$ 1,582,575**

Long-Term Investments

Bonds	\$ 3,539,677
Public Equities	\$ 7,102,606
Energy	\$ 185,858
Private Equities	\$ 47,133
Multi-Assets	\$ 634,146
Real Estate	\$ 403,169

Total Long-Term Investments **\$ 11,912,589**

Total Assets **\$ 13,495,164**

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Accounts Payable **\$ 39,088**

Investment Fees Payable **\$ 3,055**

Total Liabilities **\$ 42,143**

Fund Balance

Fund Balance \$ 10,490,252

Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investments \$ 2,962,771

Total Fund Balance **\$ 13,453,023**

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance **\$ 13,495,166**

Benefactors' Society

The Benefactors' Society was created in 1993 to recognize those who planned for future gifts to the College through their wills, annuities, life insurance policies, or retirement plans and to encourage similar gifts to the College. Benefactors' Society members realize the importance of a quality education and are interested in seeing Tri-County achieve its vision of becoming a role model for all community colleges.

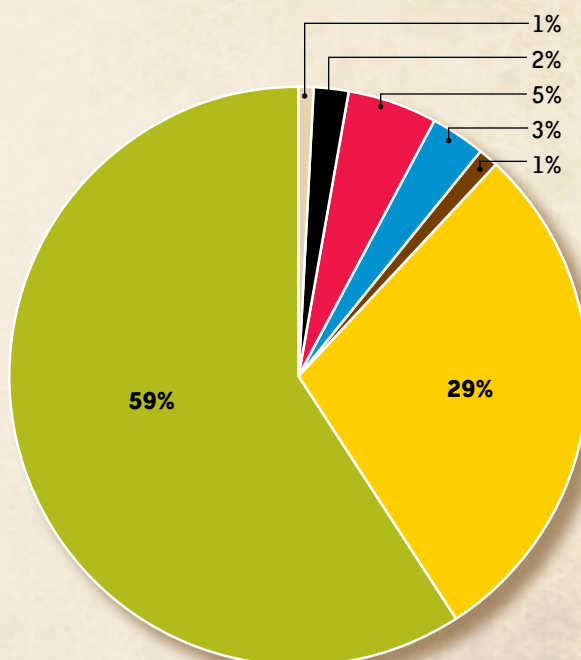
If the College is in your estate plan and you would like to be recognized as a member of the Benefactors' Society, call John Lummus (864-646-1548), Debbie Nelms (864-646-1809), Elisabeth Gadd (864-646-1812), or Courtney White (864-646-1484). Following is a list of members:

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Investments

Private Equities	1%
Energy	2%
Multi-Assets	5%
Real Estate	3%
Short-Term Fund	1%
Bonds	29%
Public Equities	59%



Foundation Donors

The Tri-County Technical College Foundation Board and staff are grateful to you, our donors, for the support you have given us as the College strives to provide a quality and affordable education to the next generation of workers and leaders, a strong faculty and staff, and quality instructional programs. Because of you, Tri-County Technical College is "more valuable than ever."

This list recognizes donors who made gifts to the Tri-County Technical College Foundation during 2008-2009, beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009. Every effort has been made to list correctly each donor; but if you find an omission or incorrect listing, please call the Foundation Office at either (864) 646-1809 or 1-866-269-5677 (within the 864 area code), ext. 1809. You can also send an e-mail to dnelms@tctc.edu.

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Donors Who Made Gifts of

\$100,000 and Over

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Donors Who Made Pledges of

\$100,000 and Over

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In the fall of 2009, the College formally kicks off its five-year Major Gifts Campaign to raise funds for programs and students. The goal is to raise \$7 - 9 million dollars by 2012, which marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the College.

Earlier in the year, faculty and staff participated in an internal phase of the Major Gifts campaign, when participation reached 99 percent, the highest level of employee giving in the history of the College.

The next step of the campaign is to reach out to the community for support in four areas: expanding educational opportunities, improving technology and equipment, enhancing opportunities for student success, and promoting economic and community development.

If you would like additional information, please feel free to contact the Foundation office at 646-1808.

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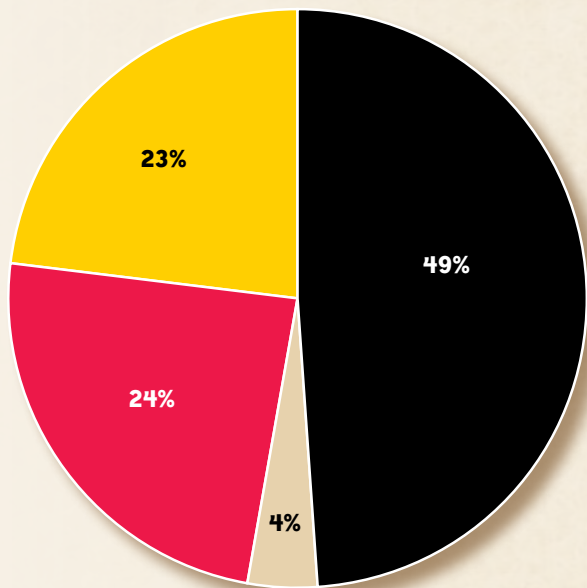
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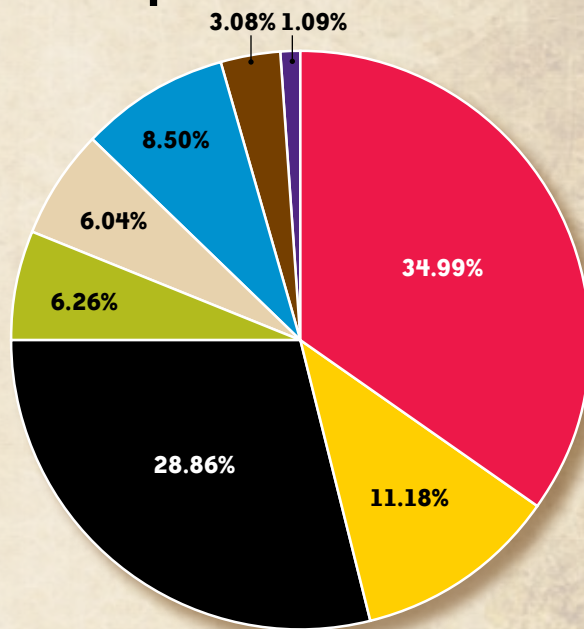
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Funding Sources



Companies	49%
Faculty/Staff	4%
Individuals	24%
Foundations	23%

Expense Allocation



Scholarships	34.99%
Professional Development	11.18%
Educational Support	28.86%
Technology	6.26%
Management/General	6.04%
Fundraising	8.50%
Investment Fees	3.08%
Alumni Relations	1.09%
Operating/Fundraising	1.09%

New Endowments Established 2008-2009

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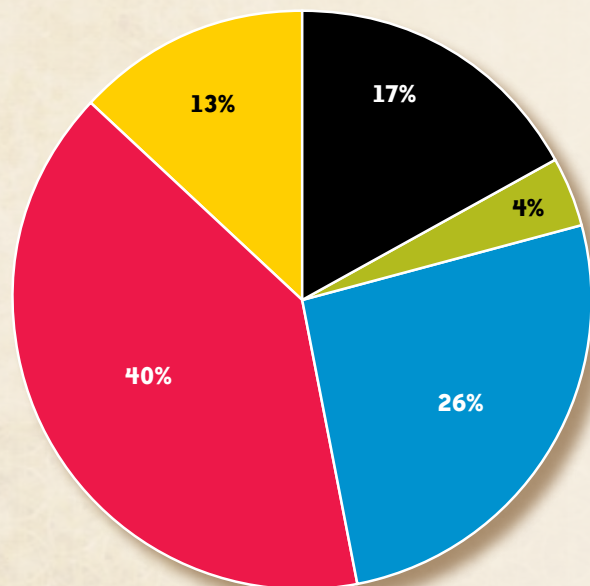
Total Fund Balance	\$13,453,023
2008-09 Contributions	\$1,018,332
Number of Donors	566
Number of Contributors Who Had Never Given Before	228
Contributions from Faculty and Staff	\$44,994
Average Gift from Faculty and Staff	\$206
Average Gift from Individuals	\$920
Average Gift from Companies	\$6,825
Average Gift from Foundations	\$28,688
Funding Provided to Students and Educational Programs	\$981,546

Foundation Endowment Returns



2008-09 Donor Gift Designations

Unrestricted	17%
Faculty and Staff Development	4%
Scholarships	26%
Priority Needs/Special College Projects/ Other Initiatives	40%
Technology	13%
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